

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister

September 20, 2026
“Take It To the Water”
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon & Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long

Gathering Song – “When You Arrive” by Annie Zylstra

Welcome

Prelude – Violet Vonder Haar

Opening Words

***Centering Song** – “Loosen Loosen” by Aly Halpert

*Loosen, loosen baby.
You don't have to carry
the weight of the world
in your muscles and bones.
Let go, let go, let go.*

*Holy breath and holy name,
will you ease, will you ease this pain?*

Chalice Lighting & Words of Affirmation

*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law;
this is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

Centering Moment

Stones of Joy & Sorrow

Singing the Children to Class

*Live in joy, go in peace
Hold all our love as we part.*

*Live in joy, go in peace
Hold all our love in your heart.*

Joys & Sorrows Prayer

Hymn – “The Way Knows the Way” by Lyndsey Scott

*You don't have to know the way
The way knows the way
You don't have to plan the way
Trust the way, feel your way,*

*The way knows
The way knows
The way knows the way.*

Reading – “Like The Water” by Wendell Berry

Musical Interlude – Violet Vonder Haar

Sermon – “Take it to the Water” by Jordinn Nelson Long & Molly Housh Gordon

***Hymn – “Down in the River to Pray” trad.**

*As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way*

*O loved ones, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O loved ones, let's go down
Down in the river to pray*

New Member Welcome – *see insert*

Offertory – Violet Vonder Haar

This morning's offering will be a Faith to Action Collection for New Day Homeless Day Center.

Give by text to 573-405-1202

Faith-to-Action: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign, then a space, then the code **f2a**

General collection: Enter amount, with or without a dollar sign

Pledge: Enter amount, then a space, then the word pledge

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Closing Words – by Wayne Arnason

Benediction

*Now on leaving one another,
may we give of hand and heart.*

*Let us share our benediction,
lovingly before we part.*

* Please stand or remain seated as you feel most comfortable.

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